

Book Report

- I. Book Reports Assigned
 1. Date the assignment is due
 2. What kind of book you are to read
- II. Read the book
 1. A comfortable spot, but not too comfortable
 2. Proper lighting needed
 3. Find a place with few distractions (you need to concentrate)
 4. Give yourself enough time to get into the book (you'll get more out of the reading that way) (example: not like 2 minutes here and 2 minutes there; it makes it difficult)
- III. Book Report Plan
 1. Determine how many days you have before the book report is due.
 2. Subtract seven days (one week) for working on your report. The remainder of the days are for reading the book.
 3. Determine the total number of pages of the book
 4. Divide the number of pages by the number of days for reading.

❖ As you are reading, jot down ideas you may want to use for your report. (remember to write down the page number with it, to make life easier)
- IV. The Traditional Book Report
 1. Step One-The Publishing Information
 - A. Title
 - B. Author
 - C. Publisher
 - D. Copyright date
 - E. Type of book
 2. Step Two-The Story Information
 - A. The Setting (of a story)
 - 1) Questions to ask
 - a. Where does the story take place?
 - b. When does the story take place?
 - 2) Look for details that are important to the story
 - B. The Main Characters
 - 1) Identify the main character
 - 2) Identify other main characters
 - 3) Give a brief description of each character.
 - C. The Plot
 - 1) What happens in the story?
 - 2) Plot: includes a series of major events that involve the main characters in the book
 - 3) Give a brief description of each event
 3. Step Three-The Theme
(or message, of a story deals with the author's purpose for writing the book)
 - A. Identify
 - 1) What is the author trying to say to me?
 - a. Describe it and briefly, tell how the author got the point across
 4. Step Four-Your Opinion
 - A. Discuss how you feel about the book
- V. The Alternative Book Report
 1. use artwork

2. use drama
3. use creative writing

- A. letter to the author – ask the author questions about the book
- B. newspaper article – describe an event in the book as if you were a newspaper reporter

VI. Etc... Thoughts

1. Try to set aside a special time each day for reading
2. If you like to watch tv, spend as much time reading as you do watching tv
- trash the tube